

REMARKS

No claims are amended, canceled or added. Claims 1-6, 9-28, 30-56, 59-61, 63-104, 112, 113, 115-120 and 123-150 are pending in this application.

Election/Restriction

With respect to component A, Applicant elects Species *Axi*, amorphous form of carbon, having claim 14 readable thereon. With respect to component B, Applicant elects Species *Bi*, organic/resin binder, Sub-species *Bia*, epoxy-based resin binder, Sub-species *Bia1*, amine-cured epoxy-based resin binder, having claim 20 readable thereon. With respect to component C, Applicant elects Species *Cii*, neutral to slightly acidic, Sub-species *Ciia*, sulfur-containing compound/salt, Sub-species *Ciia1*, sulfates, having claims 25, 33, 45, 54, 115-117 and 133 readable thereon. With respect to component E, Applicant elects Species *Eiii* Praseodymium salt, Sub-species *Eiii1*, Praseodymium oxide, having claims 39-41, 52 and 119 readable thereon.

Applicant respectfully acknowledges the Examiner's comment that upon allowance of a generic claim, that applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional (non-elected) species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6920 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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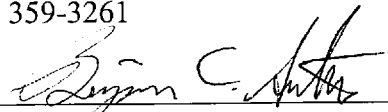
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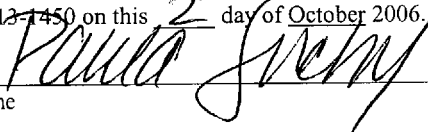


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